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PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION
WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
16 August - 22 August 1984

I. Items or Events of Major Interest that Have Occurred
During the Preceding Week

A. ADP Activities:

1. Electronic Printers: We are expecting installation of the Xerox 2700 electronic printers in P&PD within the next week. We understand the problem resulting in the installation delay was due to the inability of Xerox Corporation to deliver the required fonts. We have been in contact with Office of Data Processing, Engineering Division; and we have been assured that at least one of the printers will be installed with the required fonts as soon as possible.

2. Automated Maintenance Management Information System: The Requirements Definition Phase of the Automated Maintenance Management Information System (AMMIS) is continuing. Due to the vacation schedules of several key personnel, completion of this phase is not expected until the first week of September. The output from this phase of the project will be a document outlining the performance and data storage requirements of an automated system.

3. Release 4: Production commitments and limited staffing have continued to divert resources from the Release 4 installation. Document processing and composition testing continue to find 'bugs,' but none serious enough to delay the first phase of the implementation plan.

The Office of Current Production and Analytic Support, Operations Center Group has yet to provide complete information about some of the special document processing formats that were developed for their cables and drafts. Many of the existing formats have already been modified and consolidated on the Release 4 system.

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The Release 4 hardware was down from 18:00, 20 August until 11:30, 21 August because Atex used a disc controller from the EDIT 1 CPU to bring the Release 3.4 system to full capability. Reliable spare parts from Atex continues to be a problem in both Release 3 and Release 4 systems.

B. Copier Activities: On 16 August, the Copier Management Program (CMP) met with representatives of the Savin Corporation to discuss current and future product line developments. Savin reportedly will announce in 1985 availability of a 90-copy per minute copier that will use standard electrical power. Heretofore, all high speed copiers have required 220 volt line, which greatly slowed placement of these machines due to time required for line installations. Savin also announced future plans for a liquid electro ink process which Savin claims will be good enough in black ink quality to compete with lithography. The CMP will get opinions on this claim from P&PD printing specialists when the product is released.

C. Miscellaneous: Space requirements for the proposed P&PD Building expansion were obtained from all branches and compiled for the Director of Logistics. A total of approximately 38,050 square feet was identified as needed for existing P&PD requirements. This is slightly more than the square feet of the top floor in P&P Building.

D. Deliveries to Printing & Photography Division: Major construction within the vicinity of the Printing & Photography Loading Dock area has recently become a great concern of all truck drivers, mostly the commercial drivers. With construction in full progress, there are huge deep pits for the new retaining walls on both sides of the narrow, curved roadway leading into the loading dock area. Since all vehicles have to be backed in for off-loading, several drivers have become quite skeptical of these pits while trying to back their vehicles into this area; and then after numerous attempts, have refused to make delivery at the dock. In turn, the cargo from these vehicles had to be manually off-loaded some 50 - 100 yards from the dock and then transported by hand into the building. It is hopeful that continuation of good weather will enable the construction within this area to be completed in the near future.

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II. Significant Events Anticipated During the Coming Week

None

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